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**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS BOARD  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Petition No. 494

(Submitted by Julio and Madeline Petrini)

**Rollover Protective Structures (ROPS) and Seat Belts for  
Ride-On Power Lawn/Turf Care Equipment**

Tuesday, October 28, 2008, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
and if necessary, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (or until adjournment)

Division of Occupational Safety and Health  
Training Room  
2211 Park Towne Circle  
Sacramento, CA 95825

**AGENDA**

**Day One – Tuesday, October 28, 2008**

**9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

Introductions, use of the facility, purpose and goals of the advisory committee meeting.

**9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Chairman's opening comments/brief overview of the California Rulemaking Process.  
Discussion of Petition File No. 494.

Petitioner or Petitioner's representative given the option to explain the reason for the petition.

Review of accidents/injuries associated with the use of ride-on, power turf care equipment with emphasis on rollover accidents.

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Review of any written comments that are received prior to the meeting.

Brief review of federal OSHA standards for power lawn mowers in 29 CFR 1910.243(e).

Brief review of California's existing standard in Section 3563, titled "Power Lawn Mowers."

Review of applicable consensus standards for power mowers (e.g. ANSI/OPEI B71.1 and B71.4 standards for Consumer Turf Care Equipment and Commercial Turf Care Equipment), respectively.

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Continue review of applicable consensus standards for turf care equipment if necessary.

Discuss the merits and necessity for a rulemaking proposal addressing the use of ROPS and seat belts for turf care equipment.

Discuss and determine committee consensus opinion.

Review the underline and strikeout draft proposal for Section 3563.

Summary of day's discussion and determination if a second day will be necessary.

4:30 p.m. – Adjourn day one.

Day Two – Wednesday, October 29, 2008 (if necessary)

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Brief summary of day one, comments, questions.

9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Continue review and recommendations for the provisions of a proposal.

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Complete discussions and concerns related to the language and requirements of the proposed regulatory text.

2:30 p.m – 4:00 p.m.

Discussion by committee members of any cost impact that may result from the proposal:

It would be helpful prior to the meeting for manufacturers and/or other stakeholders to estimate what the average cost would be to equip a machine with ROPS and seat belts that absent the proposal would not have required such equipment.

How would any proposal economically affect or impact California businesses/employers including governmental agencies and institutions, including city, state and local municipalities?

What would be the most effective methodology to determine the number of total governmental agencies, private businesses/landscape maintenance companies that would be impacted? What percentage of impacted businesses would be small employers with less than 20 employees?

What would the estimated overall cost of a proposal be to California businesses and agencies (both private and governmental)?

If the proposal would require ROPS/seat belts for new machines, manufacturers should be prepared to discuss how much time would be necessary for a future effective date of such provisions.

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Discussion of the rulemaking process and post committee action by Board staff.

Discuss any need for follow up advisory committee meetings or subcommittee meetings.

Chairman's closing comments.

4:30 p.m. (or sooner) - Adjourn meeting.